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SIR:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

This amendment is submitted in response to the office action dated July 1, 2002. Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 12, lines 1-8: replace by the following:

--The nucleotide sequence (SEQ ID NO: 7), is 1119 bases long, including a 537 base pair open reading frame, which encodes a protein 179 amino acids long. The predicted molecular weight of the protein is 20,093. There are two additional ATG codons which, if they acted as start codons, would produce proteins 172 and 167 amino acids in length, with molecular weights of 19,335 and 18,770 daltons, respectively. Each form of the protein is characterized by a

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